Arenaria kingii (S. Watson) M. E. Jones SSp. rosea Maguire

ROSY KING SANDWORT

FAMILY: Caryophyllaceae, the pink family.

STATUS:

Heritage Program SENSITIVE LIST, ranks: G4 T2 S2

USFWS/ESA: species of concern. **STATE OF NEVADA:** none. **BLM:** none. **USFS:** Humboldt-Toiyabe NF Sensitive Species. **NNNPS:** watch list.

POPULATION CENSUS: 6 occurrences mapped at 1.0 km (0.6 mi) separation, OR **10 occurrences mapped** at 0.16 km (0.1 mi) separation; total estimated **individuals 883+**, total estimated **area unknown**. **TREND:** unknown.

IMPACTS AND MAJOR THREATS: USFS: expanding population and recreation use of the Charleston Mts. poses a threat. Excess numbers of wild horses are potential threats.

INVENTORY EFFORT: Systematic surveys have been conducted and are largely complete. Most recent entered survey 1993, average year of last survey 1968. **Years since last entered survey** (percent of mapped records at various survey ages): **6-10 yrs:** 50%; **11-20 yrs:** 10%; **51+ yrs or unknown:** 40%.

LAND MANAGEMENT in decreasing predominance: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, designated wilderness, private lands (?), U. S. Bureau of Land Management (?).

RANGE: Clark County, Nevada. Endemic to the Spring Mountains. Maximum range dimension 6.9 km (4.3 mi) excluding most disjunct record.

ELEVATIONS RECORDED: 6560-9550 feet (1999-2911 meters).

HABITAT: Dry, shallow, gravelly to rocky carbonate soils on wooded slopes and ridges in the upper pinyon-juniper, montane coniferous forest, and lower subalpine coniferous zones.

PHENOLOGY: flowering summer. Range of most frequent survey months: June-August.

LIFE-FORM AND HABIT: perennial herb.

DESCRIPTION: not available (see references).

PHOTOGRAPHS: Nachlinger and Sheldon (1999), Weixelman and Atwood (1990).

ILLUSTRATIONS: Mozingo and Williams (1980), Weixelman and Atwood (1990).

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